## **CLAIMS:**

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1. A process for making a long fiber reinforced polyamide composite comprising a homogeneous mixture of polyamide resin and long fiber pellets, wherein the pellets comprise from 5 wt.% to about 60 wt.% reinforcing fibers and polyamide,

the process comprises

- (i) incorporating a polyamide compound and at least one pigment, in a heated extrusion mixing zone, said zone conveying a composited melt into a shaping zone, said mixing under heat and rotational shear, together with
- (ii) pellets of a composite of long fiber-reinforced polyamide, the long fiber-reinforced polyamide pellets prior to combining therewith comprise fibers equal to the pellet length, and polyamide and a compound of the formula A and/or B,

$$A' \xrightarrow{R^*} R^*$$

$$R^* \qquad (A)$$

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where A' in (A) comprises a functional group which is an amine, a hydrolyzable group which forms an amine, an amide-forming group;  $R^*$  is methyl or other lower ( $C_2$ - $C_4$  alkyl); and  $R^*$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen; alkyl of 1 to 3 carbons; and -OR<sub>4</sub> in which  $R_4$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, and alkyl containing 1 to 7 carbons; and (B)

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including dimers and trimers, in which at least one of  $R_{40}$  is –OH, -OR, and at least one of  $R_{40}$  is  $R_a$ ,  $R_b$ , or  $R_c$ .

$$H_3C$$
 $CH_3$ 
 $R'-N$ 
 $O R'-N$ 
 $H_3C$ 
 $CH_3$ 
 $R^*-N$ 
 $H_3C$ 
 $CH_3$ 
 $R^*$ 
 $N R^*$ 
 $N R_3C$ 
 $CH_3$ 
 $R^*$ 
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 $N$ 
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wherein R\* and R' have the same meaning as A' above.

- 2. The process of claim 1 wherein the amount of A and/or B is incorporated into the polyamide during polymerization to achieve about 0.1 to about 1 weight percent based on the weight of the polyamide.
- 3. The process of claim 1 wherein the composition in (i) further comprises A and/or B.